

RECOGNIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, in Arkansas, our law enforcement history runs deep. Take my hometown of Fort Smith, for example, where the U.S. Marshals Service played an integral part in shaping the city's unique role in our country's westward expansion. Many people in the area today find their family roots trace back to a U.S. Marshal.

From an early age we were taught about Judge Isaac Parker's efforts to bring order to Indian Territory, and great lawmen such as Deputy U.S. Marshal Bass Reeves helped lay the foundation that highlighted Fort Smith's chapter in the history of the U.S. Marshals Service. We have a lot to be thankful for as we honor these brave men and women as part of National Police Week.

May 15 marks Peace Officers Memorial Day. Each May during National Police Week we honor the men and women who died in the line of duty by adding their names to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

This year 321 names will be added to the memorial including Arkansas Department of Correction SGT Barbara Ester, who died in January 2012, and former Johnson County Sheriff John Hall Powers who was shot and killed while trying to stop a bank robbery in 1902.

The tradition of courageous public service is carried on today by the men and women who keep communities across the country safe 24 hours a day. They truly are on the front lines, walking some of the toughest beats in America, and keeping our streets safe.

More brave men and women opt to follow their lead in a career in law enforcement every day. I recently had the honor of handing out diplomas to graduates of the Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pochahontas, AR. Graduates of this program follow different tracks in police work such as crime scene investigation, criminal training and police training with hands-on instruction and the currently available resources to allow for the best work possible. The program produced a great group of graduates who are excited to use the skills they learned in the field.

We recognize, not only during this week, but all year long, the devotion of the 900,000 law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every day to make our communities safer.

Law enforcement faces unique challenges today and we are working to provide the best tools and training to prepare these men and women for unpredictable situations. As our world changes, so do the threats we face. The key to being equipped for these unexpected events is to prepare for these emerging threats. That is why a lot of law enforcement training today focuses on domestic terrorism. Look no further than the Boston Police Department that became the first line of defense

against terrorism during the Boston Marathon bombing.

In order to keep our communities safe, we are challenged to develop the newest training techniques and prepare for a wide range of incidents. We have great resources in Arkansas that provide our officers with advanced training.

I thank the law enforcement officers in Arkansas and across the country who dedicate their lives to protecting our children and communities and seek to bring criminals to justice. These heroes come to our rescue when we need help and I am committed to providing them with the tools and the resources they need to fulfill their responsibilities.

EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, today I wish to pay homage to the beautiful Town of Edenton, NC. I join its citizens, its friends, and city and State leaders in celebrating their historic 300th anniversary. Originally known as the Town on Queen Anne's Creek, Edenton was renamed after the death of the first man appointed by the Crown as "full" Governor of North Carolina, Charles Eden, in 1722.

The first Colonial Capital until 1743, Edenton citizens were widely known for their steadfast values and dedication to a free society. Edenton's Penelope Barker was the first woman to organize a political event in the colonies when she gathered women from the region to a petition to King George opposing taxation. The son of Edenton's James Iredell, Sr., was nominated by President George Washington to serve on the first U.S. Supreme Court, and was confirmed the very next day at only 38-years-old. Edentonian Hugh Williamson signed the U.S. Constitution and effectively argued for the inclusion of the Bill of Rights. Edentonians have long been a proud community committed to our Nation's founding principles.

The Chowan County Courthouse in Edenton is not only North Carolina's oldest courthouse, but also the State's oldest government building. It is still in use today. The impressive building, of southern Georgian architecture, was built in 1767 on a plot of land first surveyed in 1712. Today, it is recognized as a National Historic Landmark. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Joseph Hewes, a long-time Edenton resident, was instrumental in making the courthouse a reality.

Thanks to the Town of Edenton, Chowan County, the Edenton Historical Commission, Chowan County Tourism Development Authority and many citizen leaders, the town's treasured historic sites remain healthy and preserved. These treasures not only serve to teach us about our Nation's rich heritage, but they also boost our economy and attract people interested in our Nation's history from around the world. These include the 1767 Court-

house, the Barker House, the Roanoke River Lighthouse, Edenton Cotton Mill, the Cupola House, and the second oldest church building in North Carolina, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

Because of the community's tireless efforts to preserve its heritage and promote the arts and culture, I doubt anyone visiting Edenton today would be surprised to learn that it received the distinguished Forbes.com award as one of America's Prettiest Towns.

I am proud to join the entire Edenton community in congratulating them on this historic occasion.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL BARBERO

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the service of LTG Michael D. Barbero, the director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, JIEDDO, who will retire from service on May 17, 2013.

Lieutenant General Barbero has honorably served his country for more than three decades. Since graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1976 as an infantry officer, LTG Barbero has commanded troops at every level. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, having served 4 years in Iraq over three separate tours. From 2003–2004, he served as the assistant division commander of the 4th Infantry Division. He next served in Iraq as the deputy chief of staff, Strategic Operations at Multi-National Force-Iraq during "the surge" in 2007 and 2008. Immediately prior to his time as director of JIEDDO, he was deployed in Iraq for a final time from 2009–2011. During this deployment, Lieutenant General Barbero was responsible for the training, equipping, and development of all Iraqi security forces and building the ministerial capabilities of both the Ministries of Interior and Defense, while serving simultaneously as the commander of Multi-National Security and Transition Command-Iraq and the commander of the NATO Training Mission-Iraq. Among his many decorations, Lieutenant General Barbero has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal.

As chairman of the Near Eastern and South Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I have worked closely with LTG Barbero in an effort to stem the flow of IED precursor materials from Pakistan into Afghanistan. These homemade explosive, HME, materials pose the biggest threat to our service men and women and are responsible for far too many casualties. Under General Barbero's leadership, JIEDDO has made significant strides in working with various departments, the inter-agency, the intelligence community, and the Government of Pakistan, to

create a whole-of-government approach to combat these dangers by not only reducing the flow of HME, but also by helping to eliminate the enemy networks that seek to use these materials for the nefarious purposes of harming our troops, attacking civilian populations, and furthering instability.

General Barbero has approached his work with a high degree of transparency, integrity, and focus. Few missions are as important as JIEDDO's in working to defeat the IED as a weapon of strategic influence. Lieutenant General Barbero carried out that mission superbly. No one has done more or worked harder to find ways to counter the threat posed by IEDs. I have especially appreciated his efforts to encourage others across government to do all they can in order to maintain a level of preparedness to deal with this asymmetric threat. Under his leadership, JIEDDO further improved its processes and control measures to make for a more effective and efficient organization that will be a model for other leaders to emulate.

I have gotten to know LTG General Michael Barbero well during his tenure at JIEDDO. He is an inspiring leader, a fine example for his fellow servicemembers, and a fellow Pennsylvanian. I am proud to share in the celebration of Lieutenant General Barbero, his extraordinary leadership of JIEDDO, and his distinguished military service.●

RECOGNIZING KELOLAND TV

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize KELOLAND TV's 60th anniversary. Opening their doors on May 19, 1953, KELOLAND became South Dakota's first television station. Over the past 60 years, KELOLAND has been a source for critical information and programming to countless South Dakotans.

Providing timely news, weather, and sports across the rural and vast South Dakota plains is no simple task, but through hard work and dedication, KELOLAND has served South Dakota with continuous and critical coverage of all the news of the day. Through challenging times in South Dakota, KELOLAND has been a mainstay for viewers in the region to turn to for up-to-date coverage of the events and happenings in their local communities. In October of 1954, KELOLAND offered its first live programming, which led shortly after to KELOLAND offering the first live sporting event in February of 1957. On March 11, 1955, "Captain 11" signed on for the first time. Little did they know that "Captain 11" would become the longest continuous running children's program in the world. "Captain 11" ran for 42 years before signing off for the last time on December 28, 1996.

In September of 1968, KELOLAND added live color cameras. The year 1997 was very busy for KELOLAND due to the September introduction of the Live Doppler Network, which brought live

weather radar pictures to South Dakota homes, and the December launch of Keloland.com, which gave South Dakotans the ability for the first time to check their local news online. In 2011, KELOLAND made two more cutting-edge technology advancements by creating their first mobile phone app, in February, followed by offering full high definition broadcasting in October.

KELOLAND has provided critical information for the State of South Dakota for 60 years; however, its impact on the region and the community it serves does not stop there. In the spring of 1998, a violent tornado tore through the town of Spencer, and in an effort to help rebuild the Spencer community, KELOLAND organized a telethon to assist the victims of the tragedy. The telethon was a success and raised more than \$1 million.

KELOLAND's commitment to excellence and to its service to the region has not only been recognized by South Dakotans but also on a national stage. Along with winning 10 regional Emmy Awards, KELOLAND, in August of 2000, was awarded an Emmy for its outstanding public service.

KELOLAND's commitment to service to the State of South Dakota makes it an honor to congratulate them on their 60th anniversary of broadcasts and wish them another 60 years of success.●

REMEMBERING AL NEUHARTH

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I wish today to honor the life and accomplishments of Al Neuharth.

Al Neuharth was born in Eureka, SD, on March 22, 1924, where he spent his childhood years. Al's passion for journalism was evident at a very young age when at 11 he began his first job working as a newspaper carrier in his hometown. In high school, Al began writing for his school newspaper and later became editor.

Soon after his graduation, Neuharth enlisted in the Army. Al honorably served his country during World War II in the 86th Infantry Division, under General Patton's 3rd Army. During his time in the service, Neuharth was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge for his bravery.

After the war, Neuharth moved back to South Dakota, where he enrolled at the University of South Dakota. In 1950, he graduated with a degree in Journalism and upon graduation began working at the Associated Press in Sioux Falls, launching a historic career.

In 1953, Neuharth moved to Florida to work for the Miami Herald. After spending several years at the Herald, in 1960 Neuharth left to work at the Detroit Free Press. In 1966, Neuharth launched a new paper called "Today," which would later become "Florida Today" and eventually grow into the USA TODAY which was published for the first time on September 15, 1982. The USA TODAY would grow rapidly

throughout the country and in 2001 was the most widely read paper in the country.

Neuharth's career also included becoming the chairman and CEO of Gannett Co., Inc., where he oversaw a drastic expansion of the company's holdings. In 1991, Neuharth founded Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan international foundation dedicated to free press, free speech, and free spirit to all people. Freedom Forum funds and operates the Newseum, a museum dedicated to the history and impact of journalism. In 1999, Neuharth was honored for his lifetime achievements by the National Press Foundation with the Distinguished Contributions to Journalism Award.

Al Neuharth passed away on April 19, 2013, at Cocoa Beach, FL, at the age of 89. He will be forever remembered for his impact on journalism and will always be one of South Dakota's favorite sons.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 356. An act to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes".

H.R. 384. An act to transfer the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of the Secretary, and for other purposes.

H.R. 573. An act to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

H.R. 701. An act to amend a provision of the Securities Act of 1933 directing the Securities and Exchange Commission to add a particular class of securities to those exempted under such Act to provide a deadline for such action.

H.R. 767. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project.